



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Katsunobu Sumimura, et al.  
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NITROGEN FROM VEGETABLE JUICE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "C"**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated August 9, 2007 in the above-referenced application, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE and also a petition for extension of time to extend the time to respond to said Final Office Action by one month to October 1, 2007 as well as an extension fee therefor. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the "submission" related to said RCE in which the application is amended as follows: